

5 MILLION DISPLACED PEOPLE RETURNED

During 2017, nearly 5 million displaced people returned to their areas or countries of origin, comprising 4.2 million internally displaced people and 667,400 refugees. Returns have not kept pace with the rate of new displacements.

68%

Altogether, more than two-thirds (68 per cent) of all refugees worldwide came from just five countries:

Syrian Arab Republic	6.3 million
Afghanistan	2.6 million
South Sudan	2.4 million
Myanmar	1.2 million
Somalia	986,400

Dem. Rep. of the Congo

The IDP population in the Dem. Rep. of the Congo doubled in 2017 to 4.4 million. Also, 620,800 Congolese refugees in other countries and 537,100 refugees from other countries in Dem. Rep. of the Congo.

1.7 MILLION NEW CLAIMS

Asylum-seekers submitted 1.7 million new asylum claims. With 331,700 such claims, the United States of America was the world's largest recipient of new individual applications, followed by Germany (198,300), Italy (126,500), and Turkey (126,100).³

3.5 MILLION PEOPLE

For the fourth consecutive year, Turkey hosted the largest number of refugees worldwide, with 3.5 million people. The main countries of asylum for refugees were:

Turkey	3.5 million
Pakistan	1.4 million
Uganda	1.4 million
Lebanon	998,900
Islamic Rep. of Iran	979,400
Germany	970,400
Bangladesh	932,200
Sudan	906,600

102,800 REFUGEES FOR RESETTLEMENT

In 2017, UNHCR submitted 75,200 refugees to States for resettlement, a 54 per cent drop from 2016 due to the decline in resettlement quotas. According to government statistics, 102,800 refugees were admitted for resettlement during the year, with or without UNHCR's assistance.

173,800 UNACCOMPANIED AND SEPARATED CHILDREN

This conservative estimate takes into account new applications, asylum-seekers and refugees. It includes 45,500 unaccompanied and separated children who sought asylum on an individual basis in 2017 as reported by 67 countries and 138,700 unaccompanied and separated child refugees and asylum-seekers as reported by 63 UNHCR operations, with reductions to avoid possible double-counting.

52% CHILDREN

Children below 18 years of age constituted about half of the refugee population in 2017, up from 41 per cent in 2009 but similar to more recent years.

Myanmar

655,500 refugees displaced to Bangladesh in 2017, mostly in 100 days since end of August.